

Monday
18 January
at sea.

Dearest Mother.

Well, Hawaii has come and gone (yes, we finally got there after the longest week in history). Maybe it was just the excitement or something but I was sick for 2 days before we got there (headache, nausea, vomiting, heavy menstrual period! - I was darned near dead!) - I felt fairly good by Sunday morn when we docked but not too good so I just went sight-seeing. Monday I felt better - still waking up nauseated at 2 or 3 a.m. - I went swimming - got sick again and spent the next 24 hours vomiting away. - Landsickness

I guess. He left Tuesday at 4 PM - they told me. I'm fine now - lost my paller and lethargy and am now back to my normal self. - Not that we are doing anything. We have a chief nurse who is a real witch - even rides a broom with twin tail pipes. She doesn't want us here, there - anywhere. But I guess we will all survive the ordeal with nary a thought of it 10 years from now.

The sea has been quite calm and smooth, much to our surprise. Last year, by the time we were 5 days out of Pearl - it was really rough

but so far it has been very nice.
they're going to Sasebo this time
- supposed to stay there from
2-4 weeks. None of us are too
happy about it because there
is so little to do and it is so
darned far away from anything.
Most of us had just as soon
go on to Douchon. At least we
have friends up there!! We
had all planned & hoped to go
to Yokohama - guess we'll
get there later on. - We have
no further orders beyond
Sasebo. - Well isn't it.

How is Joe? Please
tell him hello for me. I
know that he must be
worried to death about
his condition - or the mys-
tery of his ailment. Have they

We hit a terrific storm late
yesterday afternoon so we
had a rough time from then
on. It is fairly smooth
now, though. - I don't know
how long we will be in
Yokohama - we're going to
anchor to a buoy this time
which means liberty boats
to and from shore - a 30
minute ride each way!

Oh well - as long as we can
get off the ship for awhile, we
don't really mind.

Our new Chaplain - a
Cdr. Bonner - is so nice.
He was pastor of the Baptist
Church in Fairfax in '32 + '33
and loves to talk about the
drought in Oklahoma then!

Ask Rev. Travis if he knows him — he is regular Navy.

We have devotional services every day at 0730 and it is a nice way to start the day.

Mom I've enclosed the spare key (to the car) and my withholding statement.

I think I owe about \$25⁰⁰ — Right? — and I'm sending a money order for \$30. Would you add \$15 from one of the bonds and make the car payment? I'll send you some money to make up for all this the first of March. Also enough for my taxes. I had to put \$60⁰⁰

(Sixty) into the mess fund
this month - unbeknownst
to any of us! - That was
for the 21st of Dec. on and
for a few "conveniences" we all
"chipped in" for - our quarters.
Gosh that made me mad.
I only got \$1.00 so that made
me short. I won't be spending
much in Japan for sure
but I need to have my hair
cut, etc.

Excitement is running
high as we near the end of this
10 day trip. - Tomorrow can't
come so soon.

By the way - would you
give Betty ^{Coude} - or loan it rather since
it's my favorite hat - the pink
hat? She might like the change.

Tell mother - I'll say goodnight
get busy and press the dear old
civilian clothes - if I can snatch
up that busy ironing board.
Boy what a relief to get into
something other than this uniform.
I think I'll wear the green blouse,
shirt & chartreuse belt. The lost
came weight (finally) and it
looks "pretty sharp" now. I'm
going to wear the black "costume
suit" tomorrow night - with
rhinestones, yet! - going to a
party with Sally Francke, one of
the doctors here.

So - I'll close, get this
in the mail. First mail
goes out at 0730 -
Bye now -

Love,
Your daughter